Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program Application Guide

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About This Guide

This guide details how providers will use DCF's Child Care Provider Portal to apply for the *Child Care Counts*: Stabilization Payment Program, which has an application opening date of **November 8, 2021**, with an additional application window every month through **July 2022**.

Please review all payment program details, eligibility requirements, and terms and conditions on our <u>webpage</u> *before* submitting your application.

The Payment Program application is available in the <u>Child Care Provider Portal</u>. Information about <u>applying for access can be found here</u>. For help gaining access to the Child Care Provider Portal, please view the <u>short instructional video</u> that will help you gain access. If you continue to have issues, please email <u>DCFPlicBECRCBU@wisconsin.gov</u>.

If you are unable to access the Provider Portal, you can contact the Payment Program Call Center for assistance filling out your application over the phone.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Child Care Counts programs are time-limited programs designed to provide assistance to child care providers in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. **They are not grants** as that term is defined in 45 CFR72 and related federal regulations, and the use of the word "grant" is incidental.



Child Care Counts Call Center

If you need any assistance, please send an email to: DCFDECECOVID19CCPayments@wisconsin.gov.

If you are unable to email, you may call and leave your detailed questions at: 608-535-3650.

Please note – email is recommended for a faster response.

System Notes

- The Child Care Provider Portal will time out after 20 minutes of inactivity, which forces users to log back in.
- If you see the (1) icon next to a field and you are unsure about what to enter, click the icon to get more information about what you are being asked to enter.



Because of the ongoing monthly application window, each time you login to apply, you will see different dates in the When Can I

Apply?/Updates column. These dates will also differ for every Monthly Application/Update week for entering child/staff information and document upload.





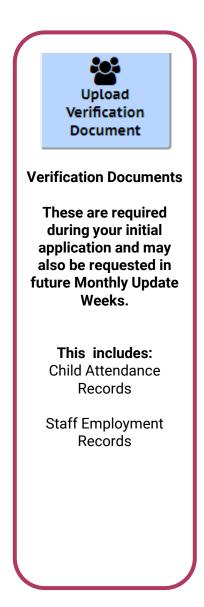
What's New

The *Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program* is designed to offset the continued impact of the pandemic on costs associated with providing early care and education. The latest round of funding is different than previous rounds.

- Providers submit one application (either at initial application opening in November, or in any month during the Application Week).
- As long as provider remains eligible and adheres to terms and conditions,
 payments will continue automatically every month.
- Providers must upload verification documents at initial application and when requested during future Application Update Weeks.
- Approved applicants must update staff and child information every month in the application in CCPP during the Monthly Update Week.
- Funds must be spent within 120 days of the payment date.

Pre-Application Document Checklist

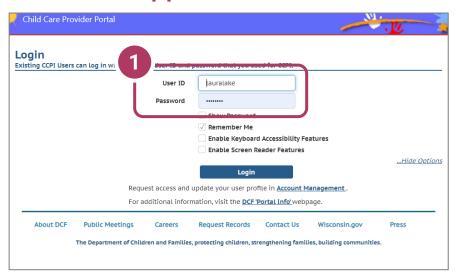
This new round of *Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program* requires you to upload Verification Documents when submitting your initial application, and when requested during future Monthly Update Weeks.



Check out our Child Care Counts: Provider Portal Upload

Guide for more information and tips on how to upload your documents.

How to Submit an Application

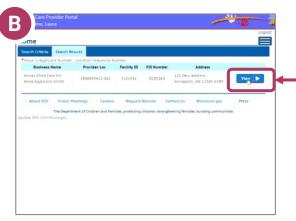


1. Login Screen

Go to https://mywichildcareproviders.wisconsin.gov/

Type your User ID and Password into the appropriate fields. Click the Login button to continue.





Depending on whether you have one or more locations, your Home screen may look like option A – multiple locations, or option B – a single location.

Click the location you want to make your application for.

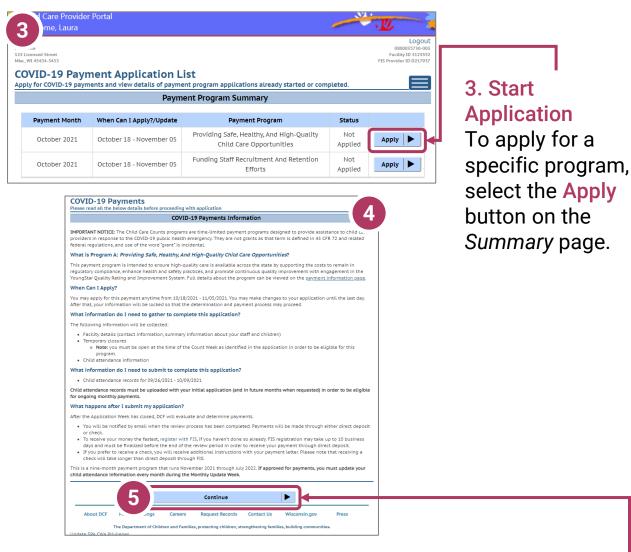
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2. Select COVID-19 payments

To proceed to the application page, click the **COVID-19 Payments** button

Beginning Your Application



4. Review COVID-19 Payment Information

You will now see an informational screen that details the program you have selected, including:

- Overview of the specific payment program
- When the provider can apply
- Information that will be collected in the application
- What happens after submission of the application

5. Continue

Click Continue to go to the Payment Application Details page.

Payment Program Summary Page

6. COVID-19 Payment Application List

This is a nine-month payment program that runs November 2021 through July 2022. If approved for payments, you must update your child attendance information **every month** during the Monthly Update Week.



There are two payment programs for which a provider can apply.

- A. Payment Program A: Increasing Access to High-Quality Care
- B. Payment Program B: Funding Workforce Recruitment and Retention
 - Regulated providers may be able to apply for BOTH payment programs each month. Please review Eligibility and Requirements details on the Payment Program web page.

Beside the Payment Program title, you will also see the **Status** of your application.

Incomplete indicates you have started an application for the program, but your application has not been completed. Click **Details** to return to your application.

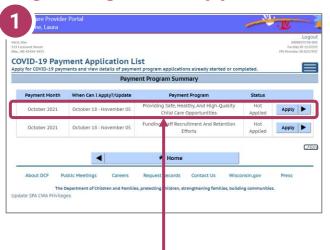
Not Applied means you haven't applied for this payment. Click Apply to begin your application.

You may make corrections to your application until the end of the application period each month. Applications cannot be modified after the application closes.



Increasing Access to High-Quality Care

Beginning Your Application



1. Begin Application

On the payment Program
Summary page, apply for a
specific program by clicking the
appropriate Apply button. In this
case, we will click the Apply
button next to the Increasing
Access to High-Quality Care.

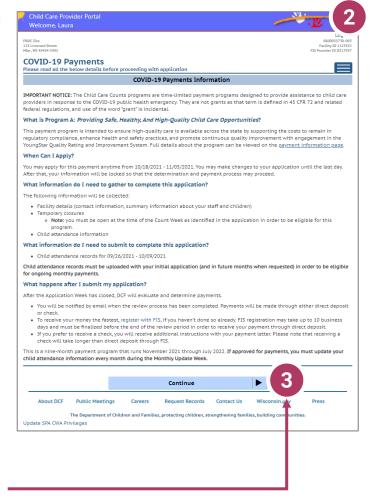
2. Review Payment Program Information

After selecting to apply for a payment program, you will see an informational screen that details the following:

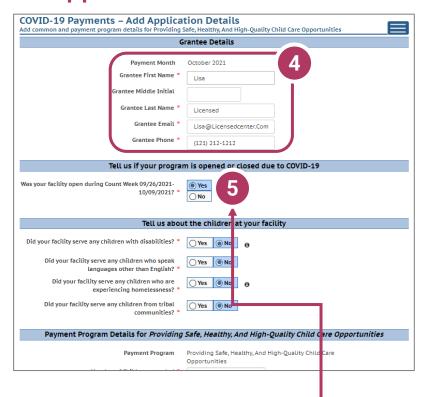
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3. Continue

Click Continue to go to the Application Details page.



Add Application Details for Your Location



4. Add Grantee Details

There is a single funding period for this application.

Be sure to check Yes or No to the questions marked with a red star. *

If inaccurate details are entered, this could delay your application.

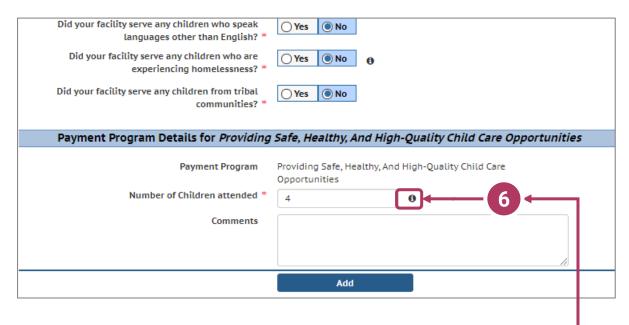
5. Tell Us About Program Open/Closures due to COVID-19Was your facility open during Count Week?

You should check **Yes** if your program is in open status (as opposed to Temporarily Closed), even if you were closed on this day for a vacation day or similar reason. Check **No** if your program was in Closed or Temporarily Closed status on this date.



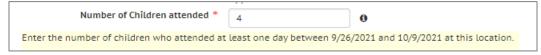
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Add Application Details for Your Location



6. Tell Us About the Children in Your Program

In this section, you can click on the **1** icon for more information about what the question is asking.



In this case, clicking the more information icon tells you that you need to add the number of children who attended your location **AT LEAST** one day during the **Count Week**.

Click the **Add** button to move on to the next page.

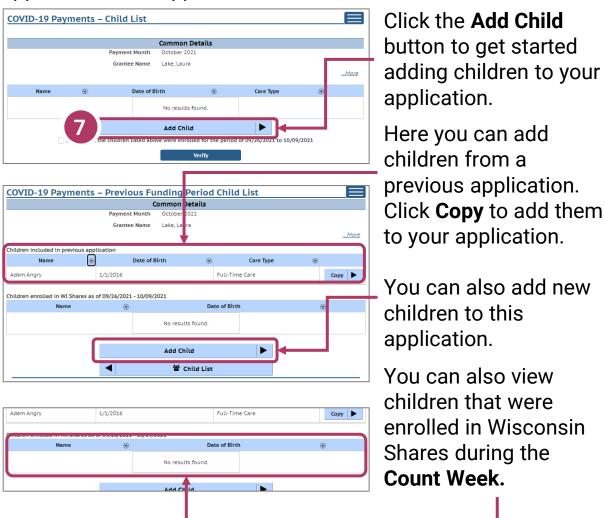


REMINDER: If you see the **1** icon next to a field and you are unsure about what to enter, click the icon to get more information about what you are being asked.

Adding Children Detail

7. Add Children to the Application

You will be asked to add every child who attended at least one day during the **Count Week**. The number of children added in this section must equal the number of children that you indicated were in attendance on the first page of the application: Add Application Details.

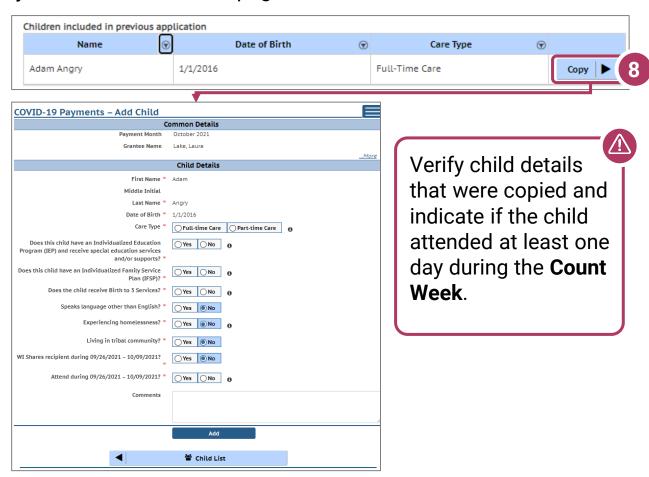


Click the Add button once you have filled out all information on the page.

Previous Payment Child List

8. Verify Previous Child List

If you applied for funding in a previous *Child Care Counts* application, children added to your previous application will appear here, and may be copied into your current application. Click **COPY** to add children to your application. This will take you to the *Child Details* page.



Click the Add button once you have filled out or updated all information on the page.

Adding Children Detail

9. Add Children to the Application

After adding a child to the application, you will be taken to the *Child List* that shows you all the children you have added to your application. Click the **Add Child** button to continue adding children to your application. Remember, the number of children displayed here should match the number of children that you listed as enrolled in the *Grant Details* section.

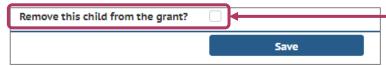


If you need to update or review the information about a specific child, click on the **Details** button to be taken to that child's record.

COVID-19 Payments – Child Detail				
Common Details				
Payment Month	October 2021			
Grantee Name	Lake, Laura			
		<u>More</u>		
Child Details for COVID-19 Payments				
First Name	Adam			
Middle Initial				
Last Name	Angry			
Date of Birth	1/1/2016			
		_More		
 	Child List			

Click on the ...More button to get to the Modify Child Button.

If you have added a child in error to the application, you can remove the child by checking the box Remove this child from the grant? in the *Modify Child* screen.



Click **Save** on the *Modify Child Details* page if you have changed any information. You can continue adding children, as needed, or check the I verify... check box and click the **Verify** button.

Upload Verification Documents

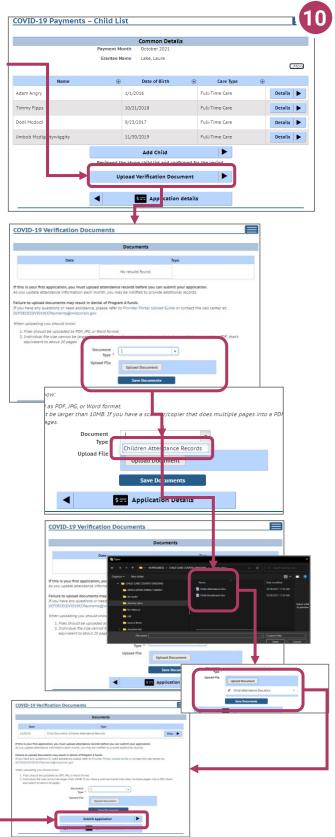
10. When you are done adding children, click the I verify... check box and click the Verify button.

You will be taken to the

Verification Documents
page. Here, you will upload
documentation that shows
evidence that the children
entered in this application are
enrolled and in attendance for
this facility.

For example:

- A. Select the file type, from the drop-down – we are choosing Children
 Attendance Records.
- B. Click **Upload** to select the file from your computer.
- C. Then choose **Save Documents.**
- D. The document will be added to your list. When you have uploaded the appropriate documents, click the **Submit**Application button.



Finalizing Your Application



11. Review Your Submission

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Click **Application Details** to return to the application and correct the information, as necessary.

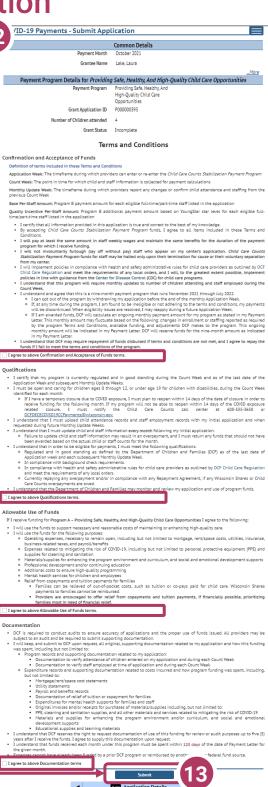
Finalizing Your Application

12. Review the Terms and Conditions

After ensuring that your application is accurate and complete, you will review the Terms and Conditions for the program.

Please note we strongly recommend printing and/or saving these Terms and Conditions and filing all related expenditure documents in a safe place.

13. Submit Your Application
As you read through the
Terms and Conditions you will
be required to check several
boxes agreeing to the terms.
Once you have agreed to all of
them, you can click the Submit
button to submit your
application for the program.



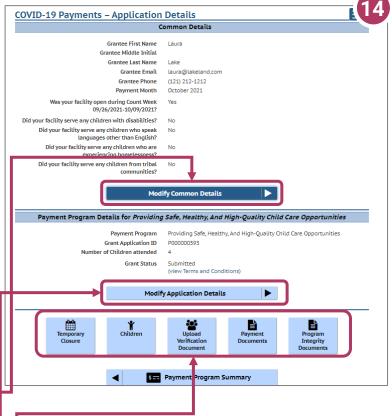
Modifying After Submission

14. Updating After Submitting

You will have the ability to update your application after submission, until the application period ends at midnight. You will need to modify each section and its detail level information.

To modify the Common Details, click the Modify Common Details button.

To modify the Application Details, specifically the number of children enrolled during the funding period, select the Modify Application Details button. Remember, any change in the number of children will affect the number of children who need to be entered in the Add Children module.

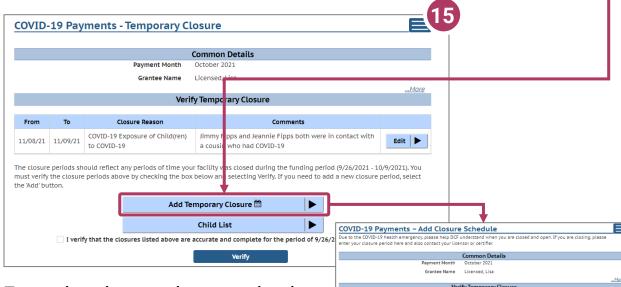


You can use the Temporary
Closure, Children, Upload
Verification Documents,
Payment Documents, and
Program Integrity Documents
buttons to update those
specific sections of the
application. Refer to the
previous instructions in this
guide for specifics.

Update or verify Temporary Closure

15. Temporary Closures

You will be asked to verify any temporary closures during the funding period. If the closures were already updated in the Provider Portal, those details will be shown here. If you need to add a temporary closure period, select the **Add Temporary** — **Closure** button, and you will be taken to the **Closure Schedule** screen shown below.



From 11/9/2021

COVID-19 Exposure of Staff to COVID-19
COVID-19 Exposure of Child(ren) to COVID-19
COVID-19 Business decision
COVID-19 Lack of families

COVID-19 Lack of staff COVID-19 Lack of suppl

Enter the closure dates and select the appropriate reason for the closure from the drop-down menu. Enter your comments in the Comments box. After including

all temporary closures, click the

checkbox indicating that you have accurately recorded and verified the temporary closures for your location.



Once you have entered all Temporary Closures, check the box and select Verify to continue through the application.

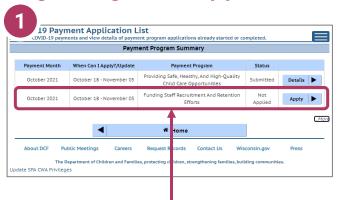
I verify that the closures listed above are accurate and complete for the period of 9/26/2021 to 10/9/2021.





Funding Workforce Recruitment and Retention

Beginning Your Application



1. Begin Application

On the Payment Program
Summary page, apply for the program by clicking the appropriate Apply button. In this case, we will click the Apply button next to Funding Workforce Recruitment and Retention program.

2. Review Payment Program Information

After selecting to apply for a payment program, you will see an informational screen that details the following:

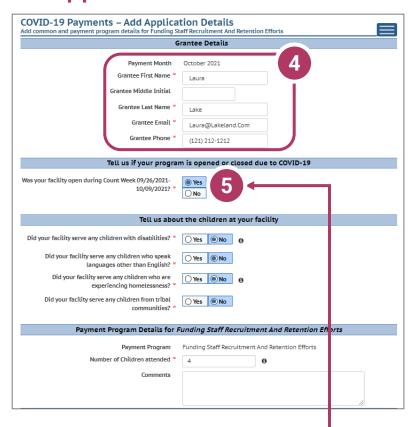
- Overview of the specific payment program
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3. Continue

Click Continue to go to the Application Details page.



Add Application Details for Your Location



4. Add Grantee Details

There is a single funding period for this application.

Be sure to check Yes or No to the questions marked with a red star.

If inaccurate details are entered, this could delay your application.

5. Tell Us About Program Open/Closures

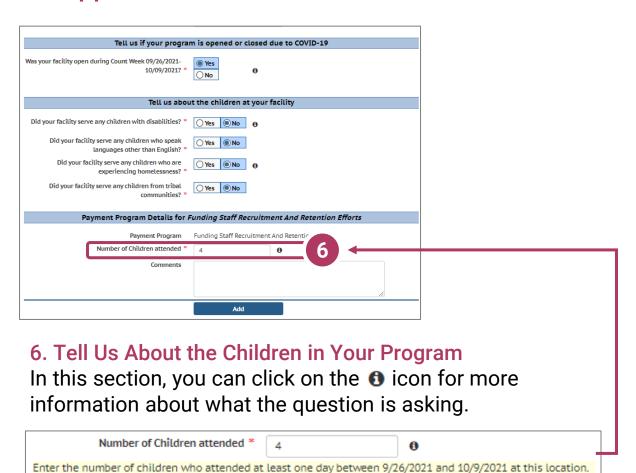
Was your facility open during the Count Week?

Check **Yes** if your program is in open status (as opposed to Temporarily Closed), even if you were closed on this day for a vacation day or similar reason. Check **No** if your program was in Closed or Temporarily Closed status on this date.



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Add Application Details for Your Location



In this case, clicking the more information icon tells you that you need to add the number of children who attended your location **AT LEAST** one day during the **Count Week**.

Click Add to move on to the next page.

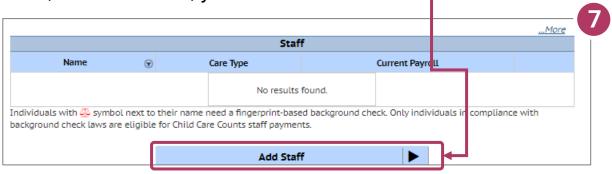


NOTE: If you see the **1** icon next to a field and you are unsure about what to enter, click the icon to get more information about what you are being asked to enter.

Attaching Staff to the Program

7. Review Staff Associated with Location

You will be asked to verify every staff member who worked at your location during the funding period. All individuals attached to your location will be displayed on this page. If you have not applied previously, the page may initially display 'No results found,' in which case, you will click **Add Staff**.



Here you can view and add staff. To add staff, click the **Add Staff** button.



Click here to add staff.

Click here to view staff details.

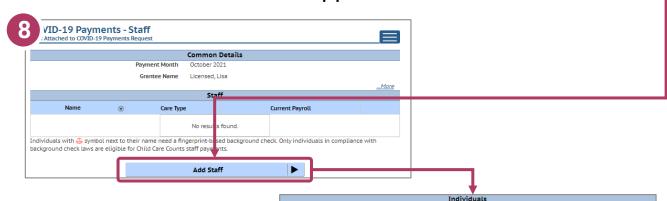


If you are a family provider, and you are the only employee at your location, you will only need to add yourself.

Adding Individual Staff

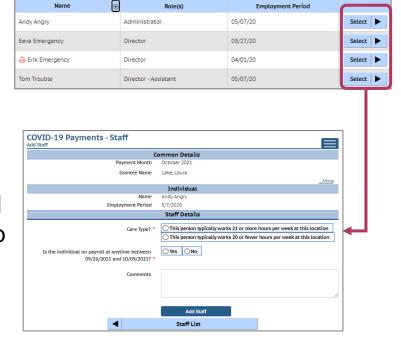
8. Add Staff to Be Considered for Funding

You are then taken to the *Staff* page to review all the individuals attached to the application.



To add a staff member to be considered for program funding, use the **Select** button to fill out the staff-level details.

Once you have finished adding all individuals to the application, select the Verify button to proceed with the application.

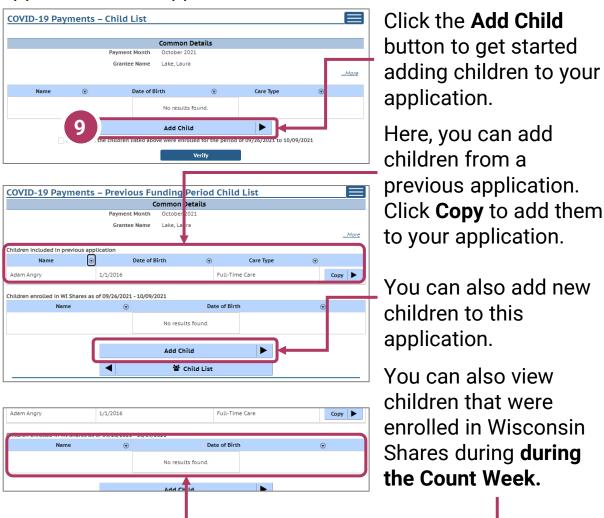


Note: Individuals with symbol next to their name need a fingerprint-based background check. Only individuals in compliance with background check laws are eligible for Child Care Counts staff payments.

Adding Children Detail

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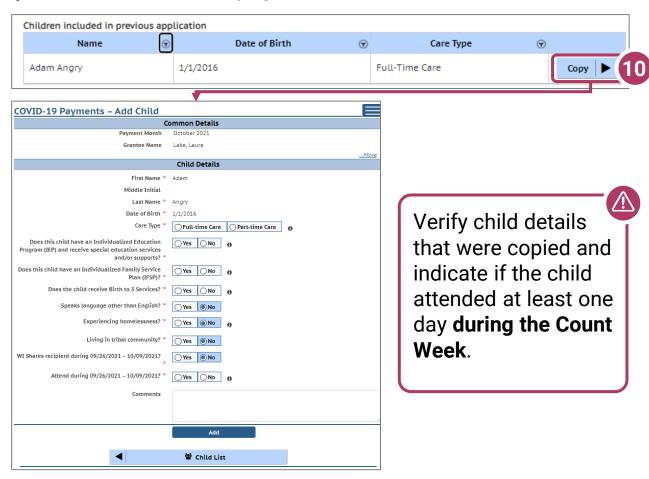


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Upload Verification Documents

12. When you have added the children, click the Upload Verification Document button to proceed to the next step in the process.

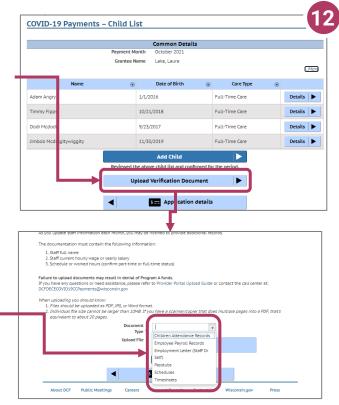
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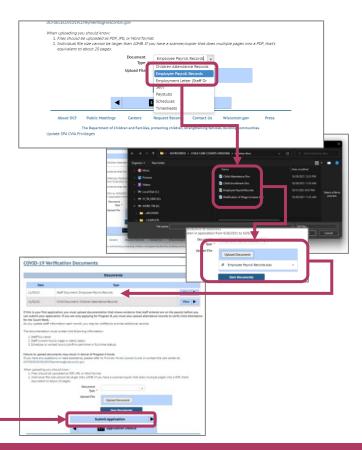
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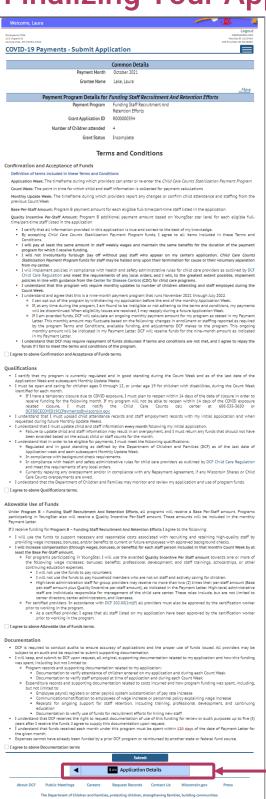
For example:

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- B. Click upload to select the file from your computer.
- C. Then choose **Save Documents**.
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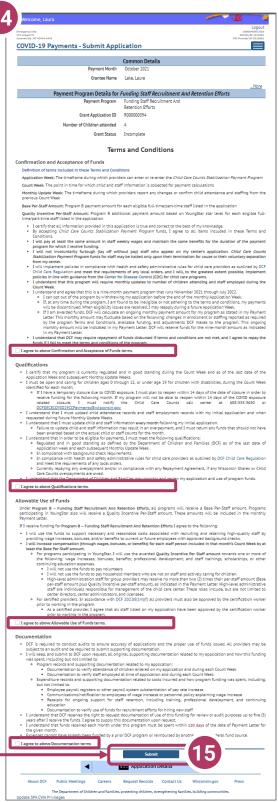
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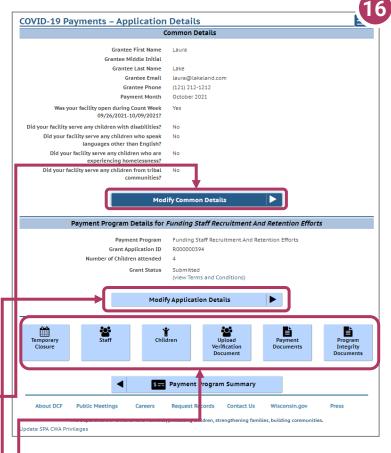
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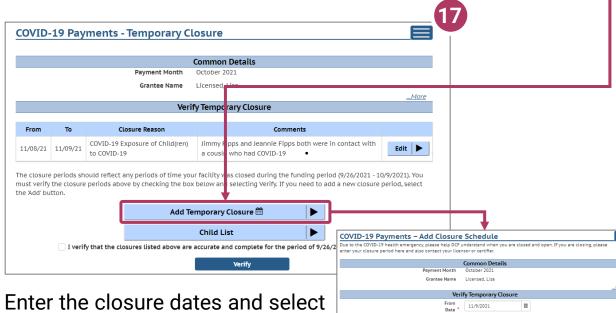
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Update or Verify Location Temporary Closures

17. Temporary Closures

You will be asked to verify any temporary closures during the funding period. If the closures were already updated in the Provider Portal, those details will be shown here. If you need to add a temporary closure period, select the Add Temporary Closure button, and you will be taken to the Closure Schedule screen shown below.



11/10/2021

COVID-19 Lack of staff COVID-19 Lack of supplie COVID-19 Other

COVID-19 Exposure of Staff to COVID-19

COVID-19 Exposure of Child(ren) to COVID-19 COVID-19 Business decision COVID-19 Lack of families

Enter the closure dates and select the appropriate reason for the closure from the drop-down menu.

Enter your comments in the Comments box. After including all temporary closures, click the

checkbox indicating that you have accurately recorded and verified the temporary closures for your location.



Once you have entered all Temporary Closures, check the box and select Verify to continue through the application.

I verify that the closures listed above are accurate and complete for the period of 9/26/2021 to 10/9/2021.

Verify

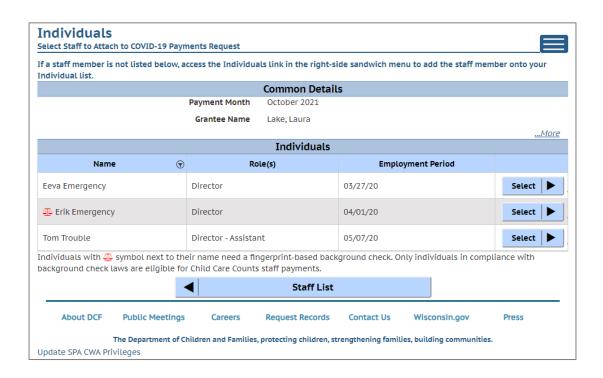


Appendix

APPENDIX I

Adding Individuals to the Child Care Provider Portal

This module allows child care providers to enter current and prospective employees and household members for background check purposes.



If you do not see an individual who worked on your staff during the funding period, you must add them through this module if you want them to be considered for funding.

Individuals will not be able to be attached until they have a background check request on file.

Follow the link below to download the latest **Child Care Provider Portal** (CCPP) **User Guide**.



https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5221.pdf